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CHANGES

Unanimously, and with little debate, egates at the San Francisco Confer- e approved the change for the nual Meetings from October to y.

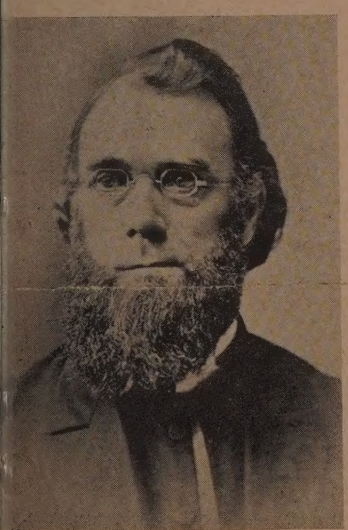
This means the next Conference l be in May, 1950. The action was en in the form of amendments to By-Laws, along with other re- ions mostly of a technical nature, d only after detailed study and ommendation by the Board of rectors. (Copies of the revised By- ws are available from the Confer- e Office.)

Corollary to the changed annual eting will be a shift of Association etings from Spring to Fall. Possible ange in the Federation schedule will ubtless be discussed at the Novem- r 17 meeting.

Planning Conference

Approved by the Board on recom- ndation of the Strategy Committee the proposal for a planning con- ence to be held next September. unching the new church year, mmittees of the Conference togeth- with the Board will hold both joint d parallel sessions to plan the year's rk.

Present Committees of the Board Extension, Social Action, Youth ork, etc.) are being carried over ntil the May, 1950, meeting.



TIMOTHY DWIGHT HUNT

Pioneer extraordinary, who came to San Francisco in the fall of 1848 from Hawaii, became Chaplain to the city of San Francisco, holding services in the schoolhouse at Portsmouth Square. In January, 1849, he conducted the first Protestant Communion service in California, and in July, 1849, he organized the first Congregational Church in the state. He was portrayed in the historical pageant by the Rev. Byron Eshelman, now the pastor of our Oroville church.

OFFICERS

The Moderator of our Northern California Congregational Conference for the current year is Dr. Hugh Vernon White, a former pastor in this Conference, former secretary of the American Board, and now Professor of Theology and Dean of the Pacific School of Religion. Dr. White is eminently qualified for this honor.

The Assistant Moderator is Mr. Stuart Gould, a member of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco. He has been serving for the past year as chairman of the Cazadero Commission.

Elected as Registrar, to everyone's surprise, is Dr. Harley H. Gill.

The new Board of Directors elected Mr. Ralph H. Anderson of Hayward, the retiring Moderator, as its president.

Rev. Herbert C. Gans was re-elected as Vice-President.

The members of the Board, including holdover members, are as follows (those with asterisk* being members of the Executive Committee): **Class of 1950,** *Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Mrs. Harrison Williams, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., Mrs. Chester Marliave, *Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, Rev. T. E. Watt; **Class of 1951,** *Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, Rev. Stanley Marple, *Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, *Mr. Ralph H. Anderson, *Rev. John H. Gregg, *Mrs. James H. Price, *Rev. G. Arthur Casaday. **Class of 1952,** Mr. Harry E. Drobish, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mr. Charles G. Thompson, *Rev. Hugh Vernon White, *Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, *Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr.

Delegates to the General Council

Upon instruction from the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee presented names for our Conference delegation to the General Council next June in Cleveland. The five elected are: Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, Mr. Ralph H. Anderson, Mr. Pierce Coombes, Mrs. W. B. Buckham. Since plans may change at such a distance, power was given to the Executive Committee of the Conference to make substitutions in the delegation if vacancies occur. The election of these delegates in no way affects the election by Associations and units.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 17—Federation of Congregational Women, First Church, in Oakland.
December 27 - 30—P. F. Midwinter Conference, Oakland, First.
January 20—Annual meeting State Council of Churches, Oakland.
February 14-16—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
June 20-26—General Council, Cong'l Christian Churches, Cleveland.
June 26-29—Uniting Synod of Cong'l and E & R Churches.

HIROSHIMA PASTOR TO SPEAK NOV. 30

Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, pastor who lived through the bombing of Hiroshima, will speak in Oakland on Wednesday evening, November 30. The meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church.

ACTION

Ringing challenges were sounded that we rehabilitate our displaced 'non-white minorities' of California and the 'displaced persons' of Europe at the Social Action seminars held at the recent state Conference. Mr. Robert B. Pitts, Racial Relations adviser in Federal Housing, revealed that we were not making available to non-white minorities sufficient space in which to live. Citing our Negro population in northern California, Mr. Pitts said the majority of them live in one of the following areas: deteriorting areas (slums), temporary housing, and hastily built shanty-towns on the edges of our communities. We are called upon to correct these displacements in our local communities through friendship, initiative, and vision.

Help Displaced Persons!

No less insistent was the ringing demand coming from Miss Ruth Pragor, now of Church World Service, that we immediately act to bring our share of D.P.'s to this country. Miss Pragor suggests that an individual from each church sign up for a family and then the whole church fellowship gather around to make the family welcome. Let us get a new thrill of bringing these refugees from injustice to our land, and give them the opportunity to use their abilities and capacities to enrich us all. Even though we may bring them temporarily as gardeners and janitors, etc., let us look forward to the time when they will become full citizens with unhindered opportunities to work and share in our democratic life.

Call upon the Social Action Committee of the Conference to help you understand how you can meet these two pressing demands. Use the excellent film, "Answer for Ann," (rental $10). Film strips, speakers, information available from Church World Service, 21 Eleventh Street, San Francisco.

GLEANINGS

Dr. Charles F. Whiston—

Any important change must begin from within. . . . Don't keep God's power in a 'deep freeze'—unlock it and let it out. . . . The church isn't a rest home but a power house.

REACTION

People were saying in the lobby—it's a good Conference. A capable Moderator helped. The inspiration and depth of Douglas Horton helped. Other very stimulating speakers added greatly.

Real excitement about evangelism and missions and Social Action and Christian Education and other departments was part of it. Thrilling reports from new churches, and solid work and progress in old churches, had an impact. A cavalcade, that gave us all a feeling of moving together, began it, and a pageant of pioneering capped the climax.

Yes, if you missed the San Francisco Conference, you missed a great meeting.

Ministerial Standing

The Committee on Ministerial Standing under the new By-Laws is instructed to cooperate with the Commission on the Ministry of the General Council in its program of strengthening and vitalizing the Congregational Ministry. Members of this Committee, including holdover members, are as follows: **Class of 1950,** Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Rev. Clayton H. Gill; **Class of 1951,** Rev. Holland F. Burr, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, Rev. J. H. McCartney; **Class of 1952,** Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop.

Other officers elected at the San Francisco meeting were visitors to the Pacific School of Religion: Rev. William E. McCormack, Rev. Mary McKee Chester, Rev. Stephen C. Peabody; Fraternal Delegate to the Southern California Conference: Rev. Harley H. Gill; Representatives to Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches: Rev. William E. McCormack, Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. H. Weldon Batty, Rev. T. Davis Preston, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett.

Dr. Douglas Horton—

The source of basic freedom is in Jesus Christ Himself. . . . We can't imagine a country losing its freedom if citizens give themselves fully to the powerful and creative influence of God. A covenant between man and God is the foundation of the church. . . . Gathered churches — covenant churches—are coming into their own again.

Cast of the San Francisco, First Church, Centennial Pageant, photographed in the schoolhouse in Portsmouth Square. The pageant was repeated at the Conference banquet, October 28.

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Montgomery Ordained

The Rev. James W. Montgomery, pastor of the Fairfax Community Church, received his ordination to the Christian ministry on October 4, 1949. Mr. Montgomery is a recent graduate of Pacific School of Religion, where he was the president of the student body. Prior to coming to California he was an active church worker in Colorado, as well as teaching for some years in that state.

The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Frank E. Carlson, Guerneville pastor and former comptroller of Pacific School of Religion. The vows of ordination were read by Dr. Ralph D. Hyslop. The moderator of the ordination council was Rev. William W. Meyer, who was ordained in the same church nine years ago. Others participating in the service included Supt. Harley H. Gill, Dr. Hugh Vernon White, Dr. Ronald Bridges, Rev. George W. Lindsay, and Rev. Rudolph Caughey.

Missions Materials Still Available

District meetings, planned by the Committee on Our Christian World Mission, have been held in five areas of our Conference. At these meetings the various tools provided by the Missions Council for helping to tell the story of our churches at home and abroad were demonstrated. All of our churches have had samples of materials, including the Turnover Chart, and order blanks are in the hands of ministers. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, chairman of the Conference Committee, reminds us that the sound film strips, "The Time Is Now" and "Our Church World Model," may be booked through him at 225 Tilton Avenue, San Mateo. These film strips are for use at training sessions for your Every Member Canvass workers.

Our veteran national state leaders say that never before have the churches had this kind of help. Let us avail ourselves of all these things that are ours for the asking. Remember, you can still order all printed materials from the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2.

"The Kyoto Story," a 16 mm. sound color movie, for $5.00 rental, is now available from Rev. William W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

It Happened In Weaverville

The miles were long and the hardships many since they left the American D. P. Camp, and longer still since they left their home in Latvia during the war. Now this last short distance, fifty miles or more, from their home in Hyampom to Weaverville, was over.

In broken sentences and slow wording the story was told. They had spent four years in a camp, with the children in another camp. The longing in their hearts that some day they could come to America was fulfilled when Mrs. Minerva Brooks, who owns a large ranch, sent the necessary affidavits. Mr. Kratins, who is a university man and had seventeen years banking experience in Latvia, signed up for farm work. Mrs. Kratins had two years pre-medical training. They live on the ranch with part of their living and house provided. Grandma, who came along, has seen the tragedies of two World Wars. The little daughter, Aria, is in the eighth grade. Oyar, their only son, is a sophomore in Weaverville High, and a new member of the Pilgrim Fellowship group.

After asking about uniting with the church, nothing more was said as to definite plans. Mr. Steadman mentioned that October second was World Communion Sunday and others were joining. October first the Kratins family and little grandma traveled over crooked mountain roads in the U. S. mail stage to Weaverville. Not only did they have the discomfort of being car-sick, but they had an expensive trip. They spent over one-third of their monthly income on bus fare, motel, and eating expenses. This trip was very important to them, for, besides uniting with the church, they were to have photographs and sign their first papers toward citizenship.

The morning service was truly worshipful. All hearts were touched as this family of five came forward. Although the words of the sermon were not understood by little grandma, she could worship with us. The true meaning of their faith and their love for God's House was shown that first day when they entered the sanctuary. There were no "oh's and ah's" about the quiet beauty of the little church. Mr. and Mrs. Kratins went silently to the front of the church and knelt down before the cross. In that brief little silent prayer the true meaning of their church and their Christ was expressed.

After the service, they returned to their home in Hyampom.

THE TIME IS NOW

On October 31, 1948, our achievement for apportionment giving plus giving for War Victims and Reconstruction was $61,607. Now, as all goals combine in Our Christian World Mission, we are actually $788.78 behind last year.

Efforts must redouble in these two remaining months. Our people need reminding of the continuing needs of the world, not for help in general, but for the healing Word which the Church alone can bring it. We Christians are stewards with a strategic responsibility.

	App't Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, 1948	App't Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, 1949
Alameda	$1,095.33	$ 839.98
Alturas	172.13	138.69
Angels Camp	100.00	434.43
Antioch	163.83	119.74
Auburn	228.75	257.16
Benicia	52.00	15.50
Berkeley, Arlington	169.22	359.60
Chinese	.....	25.00
First	6,749.94	7,626.49
North	782.95	1,126.35
Northbrae	.....	276.17
So. Community	307.53	739.38
Biola	.....	47.68
Campbell	643.06	423.55
Cedarville	49.75	77.93
Cloverdale	131.85	106.60
Cotati	83.75	64.50
Crockett	72.17	81.53
Dinuba	.66	2.00
Eagleville	.....	7.36
Elk Grove	14.25	33.64
Etna	26.27	60.36
Eureka	496.66	996.43
Fairfax	97.10	175.00
Ferndale	271.81	342.76
Fowler	.....	125.00
Fresno, First	1,100.00	2,615.70
Japanese	25.00	.....
Pilgrim	500.00	.....
Zion	41.14	66.08
Glen Ellen	90.00	34.23
Guerneville	25.00	64.35
Hayward	100.00	1,773.90
Kenwood	38.18	89.03
Likely	.....	7.13
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	299.30
First	2,346.00	2,767.52
Loleta	7.00	33.46
Loomis	200.00	100.00
Martinez	842.36	1,326.13
Modesto	.....	64.06
Murphys	100.00	.....
Niles	50.00	113.50
Oakland, Bethany Arm.	.....	71.57
First	4,400.00	5,129.54
Fruitvale	72.40	67.41
Japanese	80.00	30.00
New Pilgrim	76.00	83.44
Plymouth	1,204.82	2,046.51
Orinda	685.25	1,415.18
Oroville	790.87	188.96
Pacific Grove	175.00	143.26
Palo Alto	1,474.00	3,068.13
Paradise	550.00	566.50
Parlier	20.00	10.00
Penngrove	34.13	39.55
Pescadero	10.00	.....
Petaluma	660.00	1,055.00
Pittsburg	214.72	273.77
Port Chicago	131.04	61.10
Porterville	1,400.00	2,104.00
Redwood City	1,006.54	531.84
Reedley	15.00	15.00
Rio Vista	100.00	80.00
Ripon	210.70	319.44
Sacramento, First	1,490.00	2,437.00
Sierra Arden	51.48	311.33
Salida	60.10	68.18
San Carlos	625.00	980.00
San Francisco, Bethany	.....	.....
Miss. Park	175.75	137.20
Calvary	.....	30.00
First	279.65	1,949.57
Ocean View	100.00	150.00
Park Presidio	303.84	561.09
Sanger	.....	66.33
San Jose	977.00	1,611.89
San Leandro	99.13	249.41
San Lorenzo	.....	65.75
San Mateo	1,125.00	2,850.00
San Rafael	35.00	44.70
Santa Cruz	264.00	1,054.87
Santa Rosa	78.00	254.30
Saratoga	378.91	273.34
Sebastopol	271.49	346.07
Sonoma	150.28	74.17
Soquel	158.10	92.95
Stockton	933.23	1,558.10
Suisun	75.00	107.50
Sunnyvale	57.43	241.47
Sunol	.....	14.96
Tulare	1,559.00	1,595.00
Weaverville	50.00	110.00
Woodside	11.50	29.00
Reno, Nevada	748.38	642.27
Miscellaneous	2,047.03	1,755.35
	$42,588.46	$60,819.22

CENTENNIAL

Still Another New Project

An option has been placed by the Conference on a lot at the corner of Gregory Lane and Kahrs Street, near the huge Gregory Gardens development in the north end of the Pleasant Hill district, between Walnut Creek and Martinez. The option is conditional upon approval of the site for church purposes by the County Planning Commission.

All readers of The Pacific are invited and urged to drive through Pleasant Hill and observe the urgency of the need for a new church in this area of rapid growth.

Centennial Fund Moves Ahead

As PACIFIC goes to press, the total received in cash and pledges for our Centennial Fund stands at $45,823.43. One after another, the projects envisioned for our second Century of Pioneering in California are beginning to take form. The announcement of Pleasant Hill, in the next column, is one more step along the line. But this Pioneering is begun with the faith that all our people will share the responsibility as well as the inspiration! Your own gift to the $100,000 Centennial Fund, and your enthusiastic word to others in your Church, will play an important part.

MIDWINTER OAKLAND

Youth Gathering December 27-30

Featuring Dr. Ronald Bridges as speaker, youth of our churches will gather at Oakland First, December 27-30, for the annual Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference.

Student-led discussions and platform addresses will center around the theme "Enlist Now—For Faith, Action, Fellowship." Other speakers include Dr. William E. McCormack and Rev. Robert W. Moon.

Director George W. Lindsay and Program Chairman Helen Alexander are lining up youth and adult leaders with the help of a large committee. Movies, a special sight-seeing tour, and other features crowd the program. Chapel services, as always, will be both planned and led by youth.

The Chief Cook, Mrs. W. T. Moxley, is preparing for 325, but the dining room will seat up to 500 if necessary! Volunteers from among the women of Eastbay churches will be sought to help for half-day shifts, and volunteers may phone the P. F. office, Berkeley 7-0721.

Housing will likewise be sought in Eastbay homes, and any Pacific readers offering their hospitality should report to Miss Mae Baudin, Glencourt 2-6456.

The total cost will be $6.50, $1 of this payable in advance as a non-refundable registration fee. A December 15 deadline is announced (with $1 late fee thereafter). Blanks (to appear in LIGHT) are to be sent to Midwinter Registrar, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, California.

COME AND MEET THE FAMILY CAMPERS

A reunion of former Cazadero Family Campers will be held at Plymouth Church, Oakland, Saturday evening, November 26. Families will gather at 5 p. m. and have pot-luck supper at 5:30. There will be singing of camp songs and showing of camp pictures.

Parents will see and discuss the picture, "Family on Trial," while the youngsters play in another room. Adjournment will be at 7:30 p. m., although families are welcome to stay for bowling and other games.

An Irishman quit attending church. When asked the reason, he explained: "It's too dangerous. One Sunday morning they had a big gun in the pulpit, the choir murdered the anthem, and the organist tried to drown the choir."

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

MARTINEZ—Two important pro- have recently been adopted by of the church cabinet. The first he endeavor to provide for the ging of a family of displaced per- to Martinez. The second project Centennial Fund goal of $1,950 alf the cost of the lot to be pur- ed by the Conference for the blishment of a new church in aant Hill. Centennial programs e been featured. At a recent rch dinner the Rev. John C. kle of South Berkeley gave a stir- address on "Disciplines of Lib- ," stressing the need for a policy acial inclusiveness for the Christian rch.

BERKELEY, NORTH — The plan olding church service and church ol simultaneously beginning at 45 is proving successful. A series "Grass Roots" programs were held October. The second featured rkeley's Service to Its Senior Citi- s," and orchids were presented to mbers over eighty years of age. he North Star" is a new weekly olication containing church news announcements sent to members friends of the Church. Nine new mbers were received into the urch on October 2, including Rev. Mrs. Williston Wirt.

ANTIOCH—The new social hall dedicated October 16—the climax many years of planning. On Satur- October 15, at a "Treasure Hunt y," 175 man, woman, and child urs of labor were given to dig out treasure of beauty in the church ied under accumulated dust of the rs. Sunday afternoon, October 16, open house was held in the new ial hall and a reception honoring new pastor and his wife, Rev. and s. Herbert Dimcok. Plans are be- made for remodeling the chancel, ting new carpets, and a new organ.

SAN MATEO—The church has ee junior choirs, consisting of 30 mbers each, which take turns in nishing music for the 9:30 service Sunday mornings. At these services e sermon and order of worship are ntical with those at 11:00 o'clock. he Every Member Canvass will be ld on November 27, with the can- ssers this year seeking as their goal e total subscription of a budget of 2,500. The church is fulfilling its ggested quota for Our Christian orld Mission.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM— he newly formed Social Action ommittee is moving ahead with care- l attention being given to the prob- ms of minority races in the com- unity. A constitution committee has rafted a revision of the present con- itution. The Women's Guild has eld its annual bazaar, with a gross ncome of over $300. A project to ove the restrooms of the church to he rear of the building has begun.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA AR- DEN—Over 3,900 hours of volunteer abor have been contributed to date n the church building, which now epresents a $30,700 investment. Twelve thousand dollars more is esti- nated as the need for completion of he present unit, including furnishings. n the past three years the Church School has met in 24 different homes, and 317 children are now enrolled. The youth groups total 128 enroll- ment.

SUNOL—Rev. Robert B. Whitaker s meeting responsive congregations, with thirty attending a recent morning service.

HAYWARD—Over 300 are now enrolled in the Church School. The young couples of the church complete- ly renovated Fellowship Center, the old parsonage, during the summer, making it attractive for the pre-school chil- dren. A row of seven cribs has been built into the nursery for babies under a year. The women's program and young adult program of the church are being reorganized into "circle" plans to provide additional channels of fellowship and service for the rap- idly growing membership. Two new groups in the program this fall are the "college age" fellowship and a Sunday evening men's discussion group.

WEAVERVILLE — Building from Religious Education Week at the end of September, the Church School has been reorganized, along with the Pil- grim Fellowship and Junior High groups, the latter with 48 attending the "kick-off" party. A gift of $4,000 and many smaller contributions have made possible the building of a new parish house. Only the inside work now remains to be finished, and the total cost will be about $10,000, which, according to Rev. L. L. Stead- man, the pastor, the church hopes to raise by the time of completion.

PORTERVILLE — This church is observing its Annual Voluntary Pledge Making Day on November 20, which is expected to underwrite the 1950 budget, including Our Christian World Mission quota, with a minimum of personal solicitation, as for the past eight years. The women are counting on their bazaar dinner on December 2 to replenish their funds. Job's Daugh- ters were guests at the morning service recently. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, minister.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON — On Reformation Sunday both morning services began outside the church with a dramatic sketch commemorating Luther's posting of his 95 theses on the cathedral door of Wittenberg, Oc- tober 31, 1517. Rev. J. Hood Snave- ly has discovered that his study win- dow has ordinary glass, although it has been mistaken for the rose-colored variety, since the community canvass has gone "over the top" for the first time.

LOOMIS—A pamphlet-size bulletin entitled "About Our Church" is dis- tributed to all the boxholders in Loomis. It not only contains news of the many active church organizations but pungent paragraphs by the Rev. Harry Martynse on social evils and other public matters.

TULARE—Two hundred members and friends attended the 75th anni- versary celebration, at which the for- mer pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, was a guest of honor.

MIRA VISTA—The first meeting in one of the homes was held on the evening of October 28. A Church School class, also in one of the homes, began on November 6. The Sponsor- ing Committee continues its careful planning with the pastor, Rev. Gifford M. Webster.

The Websters have just purchased a house at 2545 Tulare Avenue, and hope to move in before the end of the month. The intensive calling cam- paign reveals that in one typical block there are 21 families, one Catholic and twenty Protestant. In this block there are 23 children, all under 5 years of age, and 7 more expected, "and that," says Gifford Webster, "is certainly High Potential!"

OAKLAND, FIRST — A new Christian flag has been presented to the church, honoring the memory of Mr. F. Howard Seely. The sixth and seventh grade boys recently had Sun- day morning breakfast in the church kitchen. Exhibition folk dancing was featured at a recent Couples Club party.

SAN FRANCISCO, FOREST HILL—Mr. Earnest Lidell of Pacific School of Religion is carrying on the preaching services at present, and the Church School continues to meet in the Jackson home.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — A new paper, "The Columns," is being issued weekly. The Pilgrim Fellow- ship is starting for the fall with good attendance. Dr. and Mrs. William E. McCormack are entertaining church members from various districts of the church in the new parsonage.

RIO VISTA—The Ladies' Aid So- ciety commemorated its 75th anniver- sary in October. A junior choir of 18 voices sings at the church service once each month. Members of the church have contributed largely toward the purchase of a new car for the pastor, Rev. J. N. Bridges.

FRESNO, FIRST—An early service of worship, at 9:30, features a half hour of Bible study with Rev. John H. Gregg leading. The attendance, upwards of 60 adults, has not affected the 11 o'clock attendance. The Women's Club now has 9 circles with 30 women in each. Miss Louise H. Wrisley, the new Director of Christian Education, is taking hold in very fine fashion.

SANTA CRUZ—The new church budget includes provision for radio services, which have been carried on in recent months through special gifts. A new Junior High fellowship has been organized. The pastor, Rev. Ed Cunningham, has been active in many community organizations.

EAGLEVILLE — The church has been host to the Modoc County Pil- grim Fellowship rally over the week- end of November 5-6, with delegates from Oroville, Paradise, Reno, and state officers also in attendance.

COTATI—Previous church attend- ance records have been broken during a month of church emphasis. A Sun- day morning Parents' Class is attract- ing attention. The Young Adult group recently served a turkey dinner.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUN- ITY—The Laura Pike Clark memorial pulpit was dedicated Sunday, October 16. Supt. Harley H. Gill preached the dedication sermon. The church has entered a team in the Berkeley Church Basketball League. The Men's Club held a recent panel discussion on "The stake the world has in peace."

BERKELEY, FIRST — A memorial clock is being installed in the church tower in memory of Dr. Raymond C. Brooks, pastor of the church from 1913 to 1921. The Pilgrim Players have made several radio appearances with their religious dramas.

FRESNO, JAPANESE—The Nisei Women's League is going to send Bibles to new-born babies of church families, and help make choir gowns for the Sunday School children. The sidewalks around the church will be paved, from proceeds of a food bazaar.

STOCKTON — Fourteen delegates from this church were in attendance at the State Conference. The gather- ing of many families and friends at the Church Night dinners again shows the popularity of these events. The Women's Fellowship and the Semper Fidelis Circle are putting asphalt tile in the north hallway and linoleum on the north stairway.

BENICIA—The minister, Mr. C. T. Gustafson, has revived the Spiritual Discovery group begun under the lead- ership of Mrs. A. R. Flick. It meets every Wednesday morning at the manse for discussion concerning our faith, and has been consistent with 16 to 18 in attendance each week.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK— The church is now served by co- pastors, the Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap and the Rev. Jessie Todd. Miss Todd is also director of religious education of the Sacramento Council of Church- es. The first anniversary banquet was held October 15 at Pioneer Church.

LODI, FIRST — The Mayflower Club has been organized for young married couples. Some Church School rooms have been redecorated. Teach- ers of the Church School are attend- ing training classes at the College of the Pacific.

ALTURAS—The study and vesti- bule have been redecorated by men of the church. A group of women provided dinner for the men as they worked. Plans are under way also for redecorating the social hall and a new linoleum in the kitchen.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

By Richard C. Norberg

A blacksmith was putting a steel rim on the wheel of a wagon that was to be used on concrete pavements. He was asked how long he estimated the steel tires would last, and he replied about 3,000 miles. He then asked a tire salesman how long the rubber tires on an automobile would last. The salesman conservatively estimated at least 30,000 miles. In other words, the steel tire goes crashing along, hitting every obstacle straight on, while a rubber tire is pliable; it fits into nooks and crevices; it has give and take; it has inner ease. This exemplifies why some people break and some do not. A man gets spiritual pliability whose mind is "stayed on Thee."

We may not have it within our power to change the outward circum- stances of life that press down upon us, but the wise man is one who learns that he can determine how those circumstances can be met, to "take things in stride," as we say. The soaring eagle stays aloft because he has learned to change the set of his wings to meet each current of air, and no two currents are alike. So with each of us. It isn't so much what happens to us in life as what we make of it that really counts. Jesus took even the worst in life—ignominious death on a cross—and transformed it into the greatest. The Cross became an eternal plus sign! How spiritually pliable are you?

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Miss Mary Coxhead, Correspondent

Next regular Federation meeting, Thursday, November 17, 1949, at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, at 10:30 a. m.

Three hundred fifty women met for luncheon in the banquet hall of the First Congregational Church, in San Francisco, on Thursday, October 27, the meal being served by the women of the Calvary Armenian Church. Following the luncheon Mrs. William E. McCormack, who presided, introduced Mrs. E. B. Kientz, president of the Federation; Mrs. Harley H. Gill; Mrs. Marion F. Leary, president of the Women's Association of First Church, San Francisco; Mrs. Holland F. Burr of Piedmont, who represented the Federation on the Program Committee of the Conference; Mrs. Ronald Bridges; Mrs. William W. Meyer; Miss Mary Goodsell, sister of Dr. Fred Field Goodsell; Mrs. H. A. Kartozian of the Calvary Armenian Church, San Francisco; and Mrs. Sidney H. Buckham.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Douglas Horton, was introduced as the former president of Wellesley College, wartime head of the WAVES and the first woman to be elected vice-president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. In making this introduction Mrs. McCormack spoke also of Mrs. Horton's connection with the national commission for UNNESCO.

Mrs. Horton began her speech by saying that church women stand today in a unique position. They can do something that no one else can do for world peace. They have a rational reason for continuing to strive for this peace because they have a belief that all men are brothers because God is the Father of all.

They also can bring to the world scene positive experience in an organization which is unique. This organization, the church, includes people from all levels of life. This is proof enough that people of different backgrounds can work together. All church women are on the side of an organization which works for humanity. Mrs. Horton did not urge women to set up a new organization, but rather that they undergird the efforts of men who have before them a vision of the church's task. The women can supply the "stubborn ounces" of extra effort which will make the task succeed.

Before the meeting adjourned Mrs. Kientz announced a "get acquainted" meeting of the women of the Congregational Christian Churches in the United States and the women of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches, in Cleveland, November 16-18, and asked that if any of the women present were to be in or near Cleveland at that time that they plan to attend that meeting.

RENO—Mrs. Arthur L. Rice reports that the flowers are sent after church to some member who is sick or unable to come to church. A little card goes with the flowers. Mrs. Rice says the idea is not original with them, so they will not object if someone else borrows it. The card says, "These flowers have graced the sanctuary of our church, where prayers were offered, hymns sung, and a sermon preached to the glory of God. Now with their silent message they come to you with our love and good wishes for a speedy recovery." Mrs. Rice says the receivers are more than pleased. One mother of a new baby said, "The flowers will soon fade but this card will go into my 'Baby Book'."

THANK OFFERING

Now is the time for the in-gathering of our THANK OFFERING! Our goal — 100% participation by our women. Surely we have been blessed this year until our hearts and boxes are overflowing. Of our Thank Offering 52½% stays in our Conference for Cazadero maintenance, to help Oak Park Church in Sacramento, and to help other new work in the Conference, such as Mira Vista, Forest Hill, and others; 47½% goes into our national Woman's Gift to help "across the nation and around the world." Have you used the film strip, "Our Woman's Gift"? It isn't too late. Write to Rev. William W. Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, for bookings.

Last year five more church groups participated in the Thank Offering than did the year before. Let's all have a share in it this year!

FRESNO, PILGRIM—The Dorcas Guild, which is the group made up of the younger women of the church, had for their money-making project last year the compilation of a cook book of Armenian and American dishes. If you would like one, write to Mrs. Rose Barserian, 3408 Balch St., Fresno, and enclose $2.00.

TULARE — The Congregational women of the Tulare church work all together in one group, and there is a fine cooperative spirit. They helped in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the church on October 9. They purchased 100 new chairs and the men made new tables for their dining room this year.

MODESTO—Mrs. Elmo D. Wolfe and two other women from the new church attended the Central Association fall rally and said they were ready to start a women's organization. Mrs. E. B. Kientz and Miss Frances Clapp met with them on the evening of October 3 and plans were talked over. A nominating committee was appointed. One thing they decided upon was that they do not intend to have the "making of money" as a project, except as whole family projects, where husbands and children participate, too. We will welcome this new group into our Federation.

SONOMA—In the Ladies' Aid of this church there are 40 members, and they pledge $40 a month to the church budget. They keep a chest in the narthex of the church, and it is surprising how often it gets filled with used clothing for Church World Service.

SOAP TO SEND

Because the C.A.R.E. soap campaign has been so successful, its deadline has been extended to December 31. For every two SWAN soap wrappers turned in to C.A.R.E. through Church World Service, Soap Campaign, Boston 2, Mass., one bar of soap will be turned over for distribution abroad.

CALLS

Mr. Harold Malone, student at the Pacific School of Religion, has been called to the Congregational Church of Port Chicago and is on the job.

Rev. Alfred Paul Focht has accepted the call to the First Congregational Church of Niles, having returned to his native California after serving churches in Connecticut and Illinois.

FANNIE SUSAN SINK

Mrs. Fannie Susan Sink, widow of the late Rev. Reuben Henry Sink, passed away at Stockton, which had been her home for sixty years. Mr. Sink was pastor of the First Congregational Church, Stockton, for 29 years and then was pastor emeritus 22 years. Mrs. Sink was always an active worker in the church, and a memorial organ was dedicated to the memory of the Sinks, contributions for which came from many friends in the community as well as members of the church.

HENRY STAUFFER

Another pioneer has passed from among us with the death of Rev. Henry Stauffer, at the age of 91. Mr. Stauffer came to Northern California in 1922 following pastorates in Colorado, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Southern California. He served in our churches at Petaluma and Antioch and since his retirement had ad interim assignments in Oroville and Suisun.

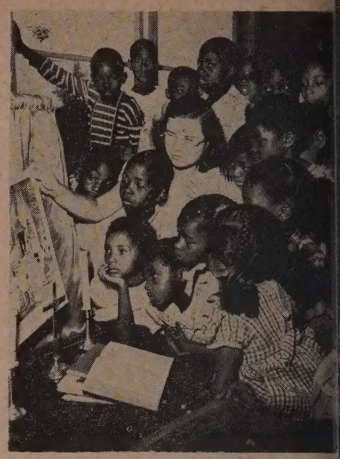
A native of Ohio, he graduated from the Yale Divinity School in 1889. He was a poet of real ability and at least one book of his poems was published. May his creative vision and courage inspire us to new pioneering—

"Ho, men of every race and clime,
We have a date with destiny!"

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

The student program continues to grow under the leadership of Rev. Kenneth Kinnear and a fine student cabinet. Recent activities include a rummage sale by Plymouth House mothers, the annual fall banquet for new students, a new series of luncheon discussions on Christian Pacifism, Wednesday evening Bible study on difficult questions in the New Testament, a recent Cazadero retreat centering around the Message of the Sermon on the Mount, and a series of Sunday evening speakers on Personal Problems for Christians.

ORINDA — Twelve new members were received on World Communion Sunday. Under the fine leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Twining, the Pilgrim Fellowship group had a delegation of 35, the largest, at a recent East Bay rally. Two hundred sixty marks a new attendance high for the Church School. Dr. Sidney Buckham was the speaker at the October Centennial dinner.



A Student Summer Service worker Miss Eleanor Moore of Porterville prepares her kindergarten class at Bay View Villa in Oakland for their worship service.

Student Fellowship Holds Banquet

The United Student Fellowship of Northern California held its fall banquet at North Church, Berkeley, with 81 students representing 16 different campuses and student groups. Dr. Hugh Vernon White was the speaker. Encouraging reports come in of a growing student program. The state officers are available and eager to make visitations to local church groups of college age.

Society News

PRATT-HIBBARD

Rev. Melvyn E. Pratt, pastor of the Woodside church, was married on October 2, 1949, to Miss Sasie A. Hibbard, who has been for five years a nurse in Gaziantep, Turkey, under the American Board. The wedding took place at the Congregational Church of North Hadley, Mass. They are now living in Palo Alto.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

All families do. Our 50¢ booklet for families shows creative ways, particularly for younger ages. This 50¢ will bring you (from the Berkeley office or from The Pilgrim Press), not tinsel, but directions for a Christian Christmas.

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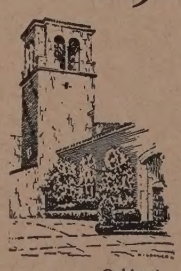

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